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SUBJECT: OPRED - JUSTICE/DEA PROPOSAL TO CHANGE OVER-  
SEAS STAFFING LEVELS.

1. WHILE THE CHIEF OF MISSION STRONGLY SUPPORTS NARCO-  
TICS CONTROL OBJECTIVES, HE CANNOT CONCUR IN DEA PRO-  
POSAL TO ESTABLISH 2 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN HAMBURG  
UNLESS AN ADDITIONAL C & R POSITION CAN BE ESTABLISHED.  
COMMENTS OF CONGEN HAMBURG FOLLOW:

A. POUCH & COMMUNICATIONS: DEA HAS AVERAGED 384  
MESSAGES (91,660 WORD GROUPS) OVER THE PAST YEAR. THE  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE ESTIMATES THAT WITH THE PROPOSED  
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM INCREASE  
OF 300 PERCENT IN TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC AND POUCH MAIL. THIS  
INCREASE WILL BE MORE THAN THE PRESENT STAFF CAN COPE  
WITH OVER A PROLONGED PERIOD AND WILL REQUIRE THE ESTAB-  
LISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATOR POSITION.

B. HOUSING: IN ADDITION TO THE CONGEN OFFICE BUILD-  
ING, THE POST PRESENTLY ADMINISTERS A TOTAL OF 22 APART-  
MENTS AND THREE HOUSES INCLUDING THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S  
RESIDENCE. THE PRESENT STAFF OF TWO FSL GENERAL SERVICES  
ASSISTANTS AND THREE MAINTENANCE MEN ARE UNABLE TO COPE  
WITH THE PRESENT WORKLOAD. OWING TO THE FACT THAT THE  
CONSULATE CANNOT COMPETE WITH THE SALARIES OFFERED ON TH  
GERMAN MARKET IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO  
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INTEREST CAPABLE LOCAL PERSONNEL INTO ACCEPTING EMPLOY-

MENT WITH THE CONSULATE.. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE CONGEN WERE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL HOUSING AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN GSO POSITION.

2. REDUCTION OF ONE CLERICAL POSITION IN MUNICH WAS ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISHED AT THE TIME OF MERGER OF BNDD AND TREASURY/CUSTOMS CREATING DEA. FORMER OCCUPANT OF THE ABOLISHED POSITION WAS LOCAL HIRE AND DID NOT OCCUPY GOVERNMENT HOUSING. ACCORDINGLY, IMPACT ON ADMIN SUPPORT IN MUNICH ONLY MINIMAL.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON HAMBURG STAFFING:

A. CG HAMBURG IS NOW A ONE MAN C&R POST. GIVEN THE SIZE OF THE CG, THE PROJECTED C&R WORKLOAD, THE NEED FOR AVAILABILITY OF A COMMUNICATOR NIGHTS AND WEEK-ENDS (ESPECIALLY WITH A 5-6 HOUR TIME DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HAMBURG), PLUS THE RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPENSE OF TDY RELIEF FROM BONN FOR VACATION AND OTHER ABSENCES, THE EMBASSY CONCURS THAT AN ADDITIONAL C&R POSITION WOULD BE REQUIRED, AND SHOULD BE A PRECONDITION TO INCREASE IN DEA STAFF.

B. EMBASSY DOES NOT FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMERICAN GSO POSITION IN HAMBURG. IF DEA STAFF IS INCREASED, IT SHOULD BE ON THE BASIS OF PRIVATE HOUSING, I.E. PRIVATELY LEASED QUARTERS UNDER QUARTERS ALLOWANCE SYSTEM, WITH NO HOUSING, FURNISHING OR HOUSING MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FROM THE CG, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE STAFF FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS IN PARA 3 ABOVE, THE EMBASSY CONCURS IN THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN DEA STAFF IN GERMANY.  
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